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In re application of

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Yuko TSUSAKA et al.

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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CREATING DISTRIBUTION CONTENT

Mail Stop Amendment

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 3, 2005, the Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

In item 2 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-3, 8-14 and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hurtado et al. (U.S. 6,611,812). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Content distribution systems have become available for distributing video or music contents to terminals such as personal computers and portable phones. In the conventional systems, a content (content body) is not simply distributed by itself.

Instead, in order to prevent an illegal copy of the content body, the content body is provided with conditions restricting the use of the content body. Conventional systems store content bodies, edit management data for each content body, and respectively provide the management data to the content bodies so as to create distribution content. That is, the distribution content body consists of a content body and a respective management data provided thereto. The management data includes the conditions for the use of the content body at the receiving terminals, such as "playable only when a fee is